īfw

PTO/SB/21 (08-03) Approved for use through 08/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE tion Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Application Number 10/670.261 TRANSMITTAL Filing Date September 26, 2003 **FORM** First Named Inventor BURNS, Dave J. Art Unit (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) **Examiner Name** Attorney Docket Number 14326-2002/TAC Total Number of Pages in This Submission **ENCLOSURES** (Check all that apply) After Allowance communication Fee Transmittal Form Drawing(s) to Technology Center (TC) Appeal Communication to Board Licensing-related Papers Fee Attached of Appeals and Interferences Appeal Communication to TC ~ Petition Amendment/Reply (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) Petition to Convert to a **Proprietary Information** After Final Provisional Application Power of Attorney, Revocation Status Letter Affidavits/declaration(s) Change of Correspondence Address Other Enclosure(s) (please Terminal Disclaimer **Extension of Time Request** Identify below): Request for Refund **Express Abandonment Request** CD, Number of CD(s) Information Disclosure Statement Remarks Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT					
Firm or Individual name	TORYS LLP - Customer No. 33,721				
Signature					
Date	May 18, 2004				

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Typed or printed name	T. Andrew Currier, Reg. No. 45,400		
Signature	How C.	Date	May 18, 2004

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicat	ion of:)		
BURNS, Dave J.		:	Examiner:	Unassigned
		<i>)</i> :	Group Art Unit:	Unassigned
Serial No.:	10/670,261)	Group The Gran	•
		:	Confirmation No.:	N/A
Filed:	September 26, 2003)	,	
For:	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)	May 18, 2004	
	CONNECTION VERIFICATION	:	•	
)		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- (a) Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.
- (b) Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.